

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

July 22, 2020

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2014-346-WS

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2020-496

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

Order Granting Clarification and Holding Procedural Deadlines in Abeyance

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2014-346-WS - Application of Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Incorporated for Approval of an Increase for Water and Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Office of Regulatory Staff's Motion for Clarification and to Hold Remaining Procedural Due Dates in Abeyance Pending Commission Order.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The Office of Regulatory Staff moves this Commission for an Order of Clarification and to hold the remaining procedural due dates in abeyance pending this Commission's Order. The Commission is familiar with the long history of this case, but the focus of this motion by ORS is whether the previously contested \$542,978 in rate case invoices from Daufuskie Island Utility Company have been paid. South Carolina Code Annotated Section 58-4-50 directs ORS to inspect, audit, and examine public utilities and make appropriate recommendations to the Commission regarding matters within the jurisdiction of this Commission when in the public interest. ORS states that the filings with regard to the rate case invoices in question are unclear as to whether the Company's rate case invoices have been paid, and, accordingly, moves for clarification as to whether the Commission seeks to have ORS continue its investigatory review or cease to conduct any further review of the utility. ORS also notes that the present compressed timeline in this case imposes a burden upon the participating parties to be able to draft the remaining testimony for prefilings, unless the Commission issues a clarification Order. The utility states that no such order needs to be issued, and such an order is unnecessary.

Therefore, grant the Motion for Clarification and request that ORS continue its investigatory review of the matter of the rate case invoices. Further, hold all remaining procedural dates, including the prefilings and hearing dates in abeyance until further Order of the Commission. Also, move that the Commission request that ORS report its findings in the investigatory review back to the Commission within 30 days after the date of receipt of this directive, or less, if finished within a lesser time frame.

PRESIDING: RandallSESSION: Regular

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

MOTION YES NO OTHER

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Absent

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

